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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROPAGANDIZING ON U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS
POLICY

1. SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES TO BELABOR PROPAGANDA
THEME THAT THE U.S. ABUSES HUMAN RIGHTS AT HOME WHILE
PROMOTING THEM FOR SELFISH (USUALLY ANTI-SOVIET)
PURPOSES ABROAD. PRAVDA AUGUST 21 CARRIES TWO
REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON AMPLIFYING ON TWO OFTEN
ACCOMPANYING SUB-THEMES, THAT U.S. AUTHORITIES
ACTUALLY ENCOURAGE RACE DISCRIMINATION AND SIMILAR
ABUSES, BUT THAT WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, INCLUDING
AMERICAN, SOMETIMES CAN COMPEL THEM TO MODERATE
ESPECIALLY EGREGIOUS OFFENSES.

2. THE FIRST SUB-THEME IS SUGGESTED IN A WASHINGTON
REPORT (CARRIED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TASS) HEADLINED
"HYPOCRITICAL POSITION" DISCUSSING THE U.S. REFUSAL
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST
RACISM IN GENEVA AND THE UN DECADE AGAINST RACISM
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AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. REPORT EXPLAINS THAT
U.S. REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IS "NOT ONLY" RELATED TO
A DESIRE TO PROTECT "ITS JUNIOR PARTNER TEL AVIV FROM
JUST ACCUSATIONS FOR PURSUING A RACIST POLICY"
TOWARDS ARABS BUT ALSO REFLECTS "ACTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT
BY (U.S.) OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES" OF DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST MINORITIES, INCLUDING BLACKS, INDIANS AND

HISPANICS. AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS QUOTED IN SUPPORT OF PRAVDA'S ASSESSMENT, WITH HIS AUGUST 9 NEW YORK STATEMENT ABOUT "LARGE GROUPS OF AMERICANS" LACKING PROTECTION OF OUR LEGAL SYSTEM SINGLED OUT FOR ATTENTION THIS TIME.

3. THE SECOND SUB-THEME IS ELABORATED IN A REPORT FROM PRAVDA'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT VASIL'YEV ON TWO FREED MEMBERS OF THE WILMINGTON 10 (VASIL'YEV WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRAVDA COMMENTARY AUGUST 17 ON U.S. "EXPORT" OF ITS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY WHILE CONDUCTING GENOCIDE, SECRET POLICE SURVEILLANCE, ETC. AT HOME, MOSCOW 19745 NOTAL). AFTER QUOTING PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY JOE WRIGHT ON U.S. ATTEMPTS TO BREAK HIM PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY IN PRISON AND ON THE "DEEPLY INNATE RACISM" WHICH U.S., SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA SHARE, VASIL'YEV PASSES ON TO SOVIET READER GREETINGS FROM WRIGHT EXTENDED TO VASIL'YEV DURING A RECENT PERSONAL INTERVIEW. WRIGHT IS QUOTED SAYING THAT UNLESS MILLIONS OF PERSONS, INCLUDING SOVIET, HAD NOT PROTESTED U.S. POLITICAL PERSECUTIONS, HE WOULD STILL BE IN PRISON. VASIL'YEV WARNS AT OUTSET OF HIS REPORT THAT ALTHOUGH WRIGHT IS NOW FREE, HE REMAINS UNDER CONSTANT POLICE SUPERVISION AND COULD AGAIN "AT ANY MOMENT BE THROWN INTO PRISON UNDER ONE OR ANOTHER PRETEXT." TOON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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